



## Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Installation Restoration Program RAB Update: May 29, 2012

A meeting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) Installation Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at Kittery Town Hall, Kittery, Maine. The agenda included presentations on the status of work at all Operable Units (OUs) including investigations, remedial actions, and long term management functions and on the draft Feasibility Study (FS) for OU7.

### The Navy provides the Environmental Restoration Program Status and Updates.

The Navy presented an overview of the status updates for Environmental Restoration for each site at PNS associated with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Since the last RAB meeting in March 2012,

- the Remedial Action (RA) was completed for OU1 (Site 10);
- the draft Remedial Design (60%) for OU2 (Sites 6 and 29) was submitted for regulatory review;
- the Land Use Control Remedial Design (LUC RD) for OU2 was finalized;
- monitoring and inspection was performed at the Jamaica Island Landfill (OU3);
- the Draft FS for OU7 was submitted for regulatory review;
- the second Five-Year Review was finalized and will be signed on May 31, 2012;
- Comments have been resolved on the Remedial Investigation (RI) for OU9 (Site 34) and the RI will be finalized in June.

The draft FS for OU9 and draft Construction Completion Report for Site 30 are being prepared.

# The Navy provides an overview of the OU7 FS process.

An overview was presented of the draft FS for OU7 (Former Topeka Pier, Site 32). Contamination at OU7 is associated with activities from the former East Timber Basin and historic filling. The former timber basin contains a hot spot of elevated concentrations of dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Overall, OU7 is generally characterized by low levels of contamination over a large area. Potentially unacceptable risks from exposure to subsurface soils were identified for industrial workers and future hypothetical residents. Potentially unacceptable risks associated with surface soil are only identified for future hypothetical residents. Three remedial alternatives were evaluated.

- 1. No Action (required alterative as a basis for comparison).
- 2. Land Use Controls (LUCs) and Long-term Management. LUCs would prevent residential exposure to surface and subsurface soils and industrial receptor exposure to subsurface soil and maintain shoreline stabilization measures.
- 3. Hot Spot Removal, LUCs, and Long-term Management. Targeted excavation would be completed for approximately 200 cubic yards. LUCs would prevent residential exposure to subsurface soil and maintain shoreline stabilization measures. No restriction would be required for industrial receptors.

### Next meeting announced.

The next regular meeting of the RAB will be held on:

Tuesday, September 11, 2012, beginning at 7:00 pm at the Kittery Town Hall, 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine

Discussion topics will include presentations and updates on Environmental Restoration Program activities at PNS. Interested members of the public are welcome.

#### Questions?

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